has since been received. As the processing of the report involves consultation with other departments, no final decision has been taken on the recommendations by the Government.

FCI Godowns in North-Eastern Region

1260. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of FCI godowns in the States of the North-Eastern region specially in Manipur;

(b) whether Government have any plan to build FCI godowns in each district; and

(c) number of godowns to be constructed in this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As on 31.5.97, the Food Corporation of India has 70 godowns in seven North-Eastern States, which include three godowns in Manipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During 1997-98, the Food Corporation of India propose to construct godowns at Dimapur (Nagaland), Jowai (Meghalaya) and Jiribam (Manipur) with a total capacity of 16,250 MT subject to availability of funds.

Quantity of Wheat, Flour and Rice Supplies to North-Eastern States

1261. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of raw wheat, flour and rice supplied by Government to the North-Eastern States; State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the wheat supplied by Government is not being made available in the respective States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, whether each State of this region has its own flour milling for grinding the wheat; and

(d) if not, where it will be grinded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No flour is supplied to States/UTs including those in the North-East from Central Pool by FCI for PDS. The quantities of wheat and rice allotted and lifted in case of States in North-East during 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in statement attached. [*See* Appendix 181 Annexure No. 31]

(b) to (d) The quantity of wheat required for supply to States/UTs for PDS in North-East States is moved from Northern States of India or from outside. There have been occasions when due to movement bottlenecks, labour trouble etc., there was temporary dislocation in supplies.

All States in North-East, except Arunachal Pradesh, have roller flour mills besides chakkies. Arunachal Pradesh can get its wheat grinded in Assasm.

Identification of Households Under TPDS in Gujarat

1262. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the households living below the poverty line who are to be covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) have been identified in the State of Gujarat to issue foodgrains at specially subsidised prices:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TPDS has since been launched in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and